Working Plan: Cross Border Experiment
Part of: OGC/WMO Domain Working Group in Hydrology
Interoperability Experiment 2 – Surface Water (HDWG_IE2)

Overall Goal
In the experiment the proposed WaterML2.0 encoding will be tested with surface water data by disseminating surface water data from the river Rhine (French: Rhin – German: Rhein) between Germany, the Netherlands and France to all participants using OGC SOS, WFS and WMS web services. This will additionally demonstrate cross border surface water data interoperability in a field with different administrative responsibilities and with a lot of multilingual issues.

Participants

KISTERS (Germany):
- Will provide an SOS Service speaking WaterML 2.0 as part of the KISTERS Hydrological Information System WISKI 7.x. The SOS Service enables WISKI 7.x to publish but also to consume meta and time series data in WaterML 2.0 Format.
- This WISKI 7.x System will be implemented at the Service Centre Information Technology of the BMVBS for the purpose of this experiment. Data from the Global Runoff Data Center will also made available through the WISKI 7.x version (see Global Runoff Use Case).
- KISTERS will also contribute to the implementation of a catalog service.
- Participants include: Michael Natschke and Stefan Fuest.

52° North (Germany):
- Will contribute a SOS implementation supporting WaterML 2.0. This will include: (i) support for the deployment of the SOS implementation in order to allow other contributors to serve surface water data and to (ii) supply client APIs and components to access SWE services which can be used to build client applications.
- Depending on the specific requirements, 52° North can provide a catalogue technology for the discovery of sensors and the look up of observables/phenomena and their semantics.
- Participants include Simon Jirka and Arne Broering and associates.
International Office for Water – Sandre (France):

- Will test hydro quantity data exchange using WaterML 2.0 and deploying OGC web services (WMS, WFS, SOS). Thus will contribute to the evolution on WaterML 2.0.
- Potential feedback on the French Water Information System will also be evaluated.
- Participants include Sylvain Grellet and associates.

Service Centre Information Technology of the BMVBS (Germany):

- Will provide surface water time series data of the German federal hydrometric network (quantity and quality) and surface water data from the Netherlands which is archived in the hydrological information system PEGELONLINE using SOS and WaterML2.0.
- Loading of WaterML2.0 XML-documents with the application “Altova MapForce” and experimentally performing transformations of these documents.
- Test and interoperability-check of the available WebServices with XMLSpy, Excel/InfoPath2007, gSOAP-toolkit and optionally .NET und Java.
- Test of the available WebServices against the WS-I 1.1 Basic Profile with the WS-I testing tools.
- Participants include Christian Michl, Dietmar Mothes and associates.

disy Informationssysteme GmbH (Germany):

- Will provide catalogue implementation for the description and discovery of services.
- Will provide an implementation of the 52° North web client for
- Participants include Carsten Heidmann and associates

Disy and the Service Centre Information Technology of the BMVBS will coordinate the European cross-border experiment.

Architecture

The setup of the cross border experiment will include several server implementations of WaterML2.0 using SOS, WFS and WMS as well as clients able to consume WaterML2.0 data.

A schematic overview of technology and data sources as well as the role of the participants is shown in the figure below. Initially the experiment will use a simple setup with service endpoints known to the participants (see SOS implementation in figure). Later in the experiment it is planned to use catalogue services (see CSW implementation in figure) for the service and data discovery.
Objectives
The cross-border experiment has the following objectives:
(1) Advancing the development of WaterML 2.0 to the sub domain of surface water observations.
(2) Test compatibility of WaterML 2.0 with existing IOW-Sandre, DLZ-IT services and with implementation of the OGC SOS, WFS and WMS standards.
(3) Advance exchange of surface water data between Germany and France in the cross-border area of the river Rhine, such that participants can dynamically and transparently access the data and utilize it with their respective information systems.

Deliverables and Outcomes

**KISTERS (Germany):**
KISTERS will provide the software and services around their Hydrological Information System WISKI. WISKI itself consist of the following components:

- Data store (RDBMS, such as ORACLE or MSSQL)
- KiTSM (KISTERS Time Series Management Server; Middle tier; Java)
- the WISKI 7 client application as well as WISKI Web Pro.

For the surface water interoperability experiment the KISTERS System will be implemented at the DLZ-IT. The implementation includes setting up the measurement station network as well as enabling the real time data flow. The SOS Service will be implemented to publish data, speaking WaterML 2.0.
The client applications WISKI 7 and WISKI Web Pro will consume data through SOS and provide functionality to browse, display, download and analyze data. KISTERS will contribute to the development of the catalog service.

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<td>WISKI 7 database</td>
<td>ORACLE/ MSSQL</td>
<td>German federal hydrometric network</td>
<td>Data base contains basic structures of measurement stations and meta data (technology is already existing).</td>
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<td>KiTSM server</td>
<td>JAVA</td>
<td>WISKI 7 Database</td>
<td>KiTSM will manage time series data stored in the database, provides calculation and analysis functions, and will also publish and consume data through SOS (technology is already existing, SOS/ WaterML2 needs to be implemented).</td>
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<td>WISKI 7 Client</td>
<td>C++</td>
<td>KiTSM</td>
<td>WISKI 7 allows user to manage station meta and time series data. It also is used to setup and configure the measurement network infrastructure; data delivered through SOS can be accessed from the WISKI 7 Client (technology already existing, SOS/WaterML2 consumption needs to be implemented).</td>
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<td>WISKI Web Pro</td>
<td>Ajax/Dojo</td>
<td>KiTSM</td>
<td>WISKI Web Pro is the web frontend on top of WISKI/KiTSM System allowing the data consumption from the KiTSM System but also from other SOSs (technology is already available, enhancements necessary).</td>
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<td>SOS Service/ WaterML 2.0</td>
<td>JAVA</td>
<td>- KiTSM for data publishing - External services for data consumption in WISKI7 and WISKI Web</td>
<td>SOS service implementation into the KISTERS Server Architecture (Requires development).</td>
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52° North (Germany):
52° North will provide a SOS implementation for serving WaterML 2.0 encoded hydrological measurements based on its regular SOS. This will be complemented by according client developments.

International Office for Water – Sandre (France):
IOW will use near real time data extracted from the French Banque Hydro (hydrometric databank of the French Water Information System) in SANDRE format to supply WaterML 2.0 encoded hydrological measurements. Dataset will concern Rhine/Rhin river quantity monitoring stations.
An SOS implementation based on 52north-SOS product and SOS 1.0 specifications will make those datasets available. WFS and WMS will also serve monitoring stations features. In a latter stage the possibility of deploying a CSW catalogue will be evaluated.
Service Centre Information Technology of the BMVBS (Germany):
The DLZ-IT will supply the data sources (near real time and archive) by the systems PEGELONLINE and WISKI. It will also host the implementation of the experiment for the two systems (PEGELONLINE and WISKI 7.x/Wiski Web). The surface water data from the Netherlands will be available over PEGELONLINE. The outcome will be to distribute water level and discharge data using the WaterML2.0 encoding within two SOS implementations (one by 52°North for PEGELONLINE and one by Kisters for WISKI 7.x and WISKI Web).

Disy Informationssysteme GmbH (Germany):
Disy will provide an CSW implementation based on the product Preludio. This will allow the service discovery for the services used in the cross border experiment. The implementation will use the AP ISO 1.0 specification for the service description.

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<td>CSW</td>
<td>Java</td>
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<td>This catalogue will be a basic implementation, using the ISO AP 1.0 specification.</td>
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<td>Webclient</td>
<td>Java</td>
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<td>Disy will provide a server with an installation of the 52° North web client</td>
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Timeline
The timelines follows the milestone plan of the whole Surface Water (HDWG_IE2).

Detailed Workplan
In the following table the different data types are described giving details about technology, data sources, party in charge and outcome.

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<td>Station</td>
<td>Provides location of the available hydrometric stations</td>
<td>WMS, WFS</td>
<td>France: one for the hydrometric stations descriptions, one (or more) to display the sampled feature. Germany: DBMS PEGELONLINE, DBMS WISKI</td>
<td>Display available hydrometric stations on a map (WaterML2.0 encoded information will be available to describe the monitoring)</td>
<td>France: IOW-Sandre, Germany: DLZ-IT, Kisters</td>
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<td>Observation</td>
<td>Each station provided in the station use case can provide access to its related observation</td>
<td>SOS</td>
<td>France: hydrometric databank, Germany: DBMS PEGELONLINE, DBMS WISKI</td>
<td>Display available observations at one hydrometric station</td>
<td>France: IOW-Sandre, Germany: Kisters, 52°North</td>
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<td>Time Series</td>
<td>Accessing all time series from</td>
<td>SOS</td>
<td>France: hydrometric</td>
<td>Display (chart) and download</td>
<td>France: IOW-</td>
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<td>Catalogue Observation</td>
<td>Accessing all observation from a CSW based catalogue</td>
<td>CSW-SOS</td>
<td>France: hydrometric databank</td>
<td>Germany: DBMS PEGELONLINE, DBMS WISKI</td>
<td>All observations that correspond to a specific query in the CSW (visualization and download possible)</td>
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| Catalogue Time Series (in discussion) | Accessing all time series from a CSW based catalogue | CSW-SOS | France: hydrometric databank | Germany: DBMS PEGELONLINE, DBMS WISKI | All time series that correspond to a specific query in the CSW (visualization and download possible) | France: IOW-Sandre, Germany: Kisters, DLZ-IT, disy |